SUBJECT No. 210.

Scheme for the improvement of malnad.

(1) Mr. N. Subba Rao, Nagar taluk, (2) Messrs. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga municipality, S. Venkatesiah, Hassan District Industrial and Agricultural Association, H. Krishna Rao and A. Guru Rao, Kadur District Board.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The measures to be adopted for checking the decline of population in the malnad appear to be now under the consideration of Government. Some more time and consideration may kindly be allowed for the disposal of this subject.

(2) It is prayed that the reports on this subject submitted by (*a*) the officers of the Sanitary department, (*b*) the Deputy Commissioners concerned, and (*c*) the other Government officers including the special officer deputed for the purpose may be published for the information of the public. Practical suggestions made by these officers in their reports may be translated into Kannada and distributed widely in all the malnad villages.

Some of the suggestions offered were:—

(1) Some typical villages should be taken up and improved by clearing jungle, sinking new wells, and providing medical aid.

(2) Tamarind trees in front of villages should be removed.

(3) Village roads should be formed.

(4) Lantana should be removed.

(5) The boundaries of forests should be removed to a distance of at least 2 miles from the villages.

(6) Cultivation should be encouraged by the grant of lands free of assessment, or on partial assessment for a limited number of years.

(7) The malnad should be opened up by Roads, Light Railways and Railways.

(8) Cheap credit should be provided for the raiyats.

(9) Lectures on hygiene, diet, etc., should be organized.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 211.

The condition of malnad.

Mr. S. Venkatesaiya, Hassan District Agricultural and Industrial Association.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The number of vaccinators, midwives and sub-assistant surgeons in the malnad area may be increased.

(*b*) A definite scheme may be caused to be prepared for the improvement of internal communications and the restoration of tanks.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 212.

A manual on epidemics.

Mr. B. V. Narayana Rao, Hosdurga taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A manual on epidemic diseases may be compiled in Kannada and supplied to each village with a view to impart instruction to the ignorant villagers as to how the diseases may be prevented or combated.

Reply of Government.—The Sanitary Commissioner will be asked to take needful action.